



WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents:

As the evening light recedes and September stretches out before us, the excitement of a new school year shines bright with renewal and promise. We welcome the new opportunities to grow, and we are grateful for the chance to embrace a new class of students.

Whether you see a fresh school year as a blank canvas, an unfamiliar trail, or an unriden wave moving steadily toward shore, we are committed to helping each of you be the author of your own story. We encourage you to claim your journey based on your individual passion. But because we know the challenges of our rapidly changing world, we remain focused on preparing you for a global community that requires a commitment to learning, an openness to ideas, and a perspective shaped by understanding of others. So we will stay focused on promoting a culture of inquiry that will help you construct meaning from your experiences by using critical reasoning and creativity to ask questions and solve problems. Our faculty is excited to help you explore, pursue your passion, and develop the resilience to persevere through adversity.

Our district's strategic plan will guide our focus on the opportunities you will have to learn and the relationships you will develop during the coming year. We know from experience that an inclusive community provides a strong foundation for achievement and emotional well-being, and we know the importance of helping you realize that you are part of something much larger than yourself.

We look forward to getting started, but meanwhile, please be sure to follow all instructions on the school-opening information webpage, which you can access by clicking on the following link: <http://www.whrhs.org/domain/326>. As part of that process, we encourage you to read the updated student handbook and to pay close attention to the revised attendance section.

We look forward to the rich array of experiences this school year will bring and are eager to see how each of your stories unfolds. Best wishes for the remaining days of summer break.

Very truly yours,

George P. Alexis
Principal